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 Stages by Simultaneously Measuring at Least Two Different Molecular Markers

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REPLY AND AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed June 15, 2005 (Paper No. 20050610), Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and reexamination of the present application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Applicants respectfully petition the Commissioner for Patents under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) to extend the time for filing a response to the Office Action for three (3) month(s) from September 15, 2005 to December 15, 2005. Please charge the fee for the three-month extension of time to Deposit Account No. 13-3372.

A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) has also been filed including the appropriate fee (PTO/SB/30).

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly amend the claims as follows:

Please cancel claim 6.

Please amend claims 1, 2, and 3, as shown in the attached sheets (pages 5-6).